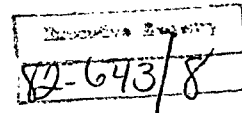


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Dear Bill:

I was delighted that you could carve time out of your crowded schedule to travel to San Francisco and address the OSS dinner on Saturday night.

Because of years of friendship as neighbors in San Marino and co-members of G-P, Mandalay and several other organizations, attendance at the dinner by you and Jean carried a very special meaning to both Theiline and me.

Your address, discussing as you did the significance and the importance of foreign intelligence and the importance of CIA and the special knowledge that they gather through their various resources, brought to the attention of all who heard you the significance of that organization's contributions to our national security. Many years have passed since the Attorney General of the United States has delivered a message such as the message you delivered Saturday night. Every person that heard you was deeply impressed.

The message will prove of meaningful help to Bill Casey and his Deputies who are constructively rebuilding life in the CIA and the Intelligence Community, all of which was badly shattered by the attacks of recent years.

Again, Bill, I thank you for your presence in San Francisco on the occasion of the Donovan Award, for your important message and, above all, for your friendship, which I value most highly.

Sincerely,

The Honorable William F. Smith  
The Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

bcc: William Casey ✓

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